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REMARKS

Claims 1-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being anticipated by Nagamura et al., (U.S. Patent No. 6,292,239), and Gushiken et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,844,744.

Independent claims 1-6 provide that the projected portion for fitting the liquid crystal module between the bottom plate and the outside frame is made in the upper and lower edges of the liquid crystal module. In contrast, what the Examiner alleges to be equivalent in Nagamura et al. to the projected portion as claimed in claims 1 and 6, namely, the fastening portions 12a and 12b on the resin frame 3, (Office Action, page 2, paragraph 1, lines 4-5), being a part of the liquid crystal panel 1, are only on the lower edge of the liquid crystal panel unit 1, (column 12, lines 54-58; Fig. 8).

Furthermore, even if Nagamura et al. and Gushiken et al. are combined, they still do not produce the invention as claimed in claims 1 and 6. Although Gushiken et al. discloses a hinge mechanism 70, (see Fig. 2), and hook portions near the upper left and upper right corners of the display frame, there is no disclosure, teaching or suggestion that a first part of the connection portion, as claimed in claims 1 and 6, is located in a first area, to which a hinge metal member is fixed. In other words, the location of the first part of the connection portion being in the same area as the area in which the hinge metal member is fixed is nowhere disclosed, taught, or suggested by either of the references alone or in combination.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

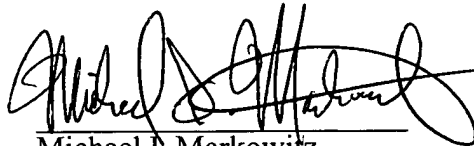
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An earnest effort has been made to be fully responsive to the Examiner's objections. In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that independent claims 1 and 6 are in condition for allowance, as well as those claims dependent therefrom. Passage of this case to allowance is earnestly solicited.

However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1, 3-6, 8-10, 12, and 14 have been rewritten as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) A structure for mounting a rectangular liquid crystal module on a cover that covers at least one face of a body of a portable data terminal or information processing equipment, comprising:

a bottom plate which is put on the back side of a display face of the liquid crystal module;

an outside frame which is put on the side of the display face of the liquid crystal module and has an opening from which the display face can be exposed;

a projected portion for fitting the liquid crystal module between the bottom plate and the outside frame, the projected portion being made in [at least one of] upper and lower edges of the liquid crystal module so as to be projected in the direction parallel to the display face;

[a through-hole] at least two through-holes which [is] are formed in the projected portion and [extends] extend through the projected portion in the thickness direction of the liquid crystal module; and

a connection portion which is formed in the bottom plate and the outside frame and connects the two through the at least two [through-hole.] through-holes,

a first part of the connection portion being located in a first area to which a hinge metal member is fixed, said hinge metal member connecting the body of the portable data terminal or information processing equipment and the cover.

3. (Once Amended) The structure for mounting the liquid crystal module according to claim 1, wherein [either one of] the upper and lower edges of the liquid crystal module [is] are sandwiched between the bottom plate and the outside frame to be fixed.
4. (Once Amended) The structure for mounting the liquid crystal module according to claim 1, wherein the connection portion has a projected portion that is disposed at one of the bottom plate and the outside frame and fitted into each of the at least two [through-hole,] through-holes, and a connection portion that is disposed at the other of the bottom plate and the outside frame and is connected to the projected portion.
5. (Once Amended) The structure for mounting the liquid crystal module according to claim 1, comprising [a] at least two screw [member] members that [is] are inserted from either one of the bottom plate and the outside frame so as to be tightened to the other.
6. (Twice Amended) A portable data terminal or information processing equipment which comprises:
- a cover that covers at least one face of a body of said equipment;
 - a rectangular liquid crystal module built in said cover; and
 - a mounting portion for mounting said liquid crystal module on said cover,

said mounting portion comprising:

a bottom plate which is put on the back side of a display face of the liquid crystal module;

an outside frame which is put on the side of the display face of the liquid crystal module and has an opening from which the display face can be exposed;

a projected portion for fitting the liquid crystal module between the bottom plate and the outside frame,

the projected portion being made in [at least one of] upper and lower edges of the liquid crystal module so as to be projected in the direction parallel to the display face;

[a through-hole] at least two through-holes which [is] are formed in the projected portion and [extends] extend through the projected portion in the thickness direction of the liquid crystal module; and

a connection portion which is formed in the bottom plate and the outside frame and connects the two through the at least two [through-hole,] through-holes,

a first part of the connection portion being located in a first area to which a hinge metal member is fixed, said hinge metal member connecting said body of said equipment and said cover.

8. (Once Amended) The portable data terminal equipment according to claim 6, wherein [either one of] the upper and lower edges of the liquid crystal module [is] are sandwiched between the bottom plate and the outside frame to be fixed.

9. (Once Amended) The portable data terminal equipment according to claim 6, wherein said connection portion has a projected portion that is disposed at one of the bottom plate and the outside frame and fitted into each of the at least two [through-hole,] through-holes, and a connection portion that is disposed at the other of the bottom plate and the outside frame and is connected to the projected portion.

10. (Once Amended) The portable data terminal equipment according to claim 6, comprising [a] at least two screw member [hat] hats that [is] are inserted from either one of the bottom plate and the outside frame so as to be tightened to the other.

12. (Once Amended) The structure for mounting the liquid crystal module according to claim 1, wherein the hinge metal member is fixed by a screw member inserted through one of the at least two [through-hole,] through-holes.

14. (Once Amended) The portable data terminal equipment according to claim 6, wherein the hinge metal member is fixed by a screw member inserted through one of the at least two [through-hole,] through-holes.